WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1909.

BELIEF IN PROVIDENCE TENDS TO ENHANCE OPTIMISM

Contributions, Some Original, Others Quotations, Which Should Add Inspiration to Our Work.

By THE OPTIMIST.

8 % can read the fine page of contributions the wounds of the heart with balm, that en Providence which we print to-day turns anguish into delicious peace. Provwithout feeling inspired and uplifted. The idence the answer to our doubts, the subject was, in a measure, a good deal spring of all our courage, "our morning more difficult to write about than that star, our sun of righteousness," the whole of the week previous, on Smiles, and you universe of God, the "eternal source of will find, I think, that a much larger pro- the true, the beautiful, the good." portion of the contributions to-day are quoted. There are, however, quite a number of original ones, and I am sure E. Baily, 1733 Columbia road, for this: you will agree with me that the tendency of all of them is to help. I do wish, fellow-optimists, that none

of you would feel it necessary to limit your contributions simply to these Sun-day contests. Bit by bit this optimist they will do the most good. page has grown to what it is to-day. It started, of course, with the little essays on optimism which I contributed from time to time to the paper. These, I am glad to say, proved so helpful to many ings see, any way you can, we could interpret all this doubt and And nobly do your duty, and do your optimists to help. You have responded nobly, and one of the very best features of the Sunday edition of The Washington Herald has grown to be this page for But not to-day. Then be content poor which you fellow-members of the Optimist Club are so largely responsible. But don't let us stop here. I would like to have suggestions from any of you as to how we may make the page brighter, bigger, better, or more helpful. One optimist has suggested this week that And if, through patient toil, we reach the we devote an entire section on Sunday to imism. I don't think that we are ite ready for any such radical measure hs that, but at least I think we can all When we shall clearly see and under-look ahead to the time when the scope stand, and sphere of the optimist department shall be considerably widened. If any of you have any suggestions as to hor the department may be bettered, I shall be mighty glad to receive them. Among other things that you can do to help is to send in any suggestion that occurs to you as to the topic for future contests.

number of contributions, but there is room for plenty more. I have been notified by the firm which is manufacturing the Optimist Club butfor delivery next week. On next Sunday on the optimist page, I am going to prin a blank coupon with a space to be filled out with name and address. To secure a button it will only be necessary for you fill out the coupon and send it in, I would rather, of course, that you should bring it in and get the button, because The Optimist would like to meet as many of you as possible. By sending in the copon, too, I hope to get your names and addresses correct, so they may be entered in a book which will contain the roll ership in The Washington Herald

would also like all of you to under and that while I shall not have any of the buttons of our club to waste, yet there will always be enough so that any of you can get them for your friends if you can induce them to join our fellow-"Let's Help" is the motto of the club, and I should like to think that few of us can help more than by increasing

I am happy to be able to say that two of the prize winners last week-you will have to guess who they were, as they to not want their names printed againwrote to me and asked that the amoun of money which they won in the contest be given to sundry charities. I think optimistic spirit. Here, too, is a letter that I received from one of the prize winners last week. The sort of letter

Dear Optimist: It afforded me so much pleasure and surprise to see my contribution on Duty on your page last Sunday, and I am very grateful to you for awarding me second place. It is an honor. I, and I am sure thousands of Stand guarded by the Golden Gate. fbers do, find great entertainment and pleasure reading the page, and I must confess it is the first part of The Heraid I look for Sunday mornings. I intend making a collection of the pages Affast where our possessions are future that they will be of the most com-fort. That last does not sound altogether optimistic, does it? but it shows that I Behold the freeman's natal lands, am optimistic concerning the present, and erning and laying aside bright and

hopeful things for the future. mulgating this club, and I feel sure you are reaping pleasure in giving so much pleasure to others, for as some one has said, "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from them-

I am quite anxious to have a button and will take great pleasure in calling for mine and meeting our "leader."

ELIZABETH P. CRUMP.

Another good letter came to me from Mrs. E. D. Frank, who won the third prize last week. She writes:

for \$2, for which I thank you. It came Although I have written without thought im

butions have met with the approval of ment, and also a self-approving con-The suggestions of help and cheerfulness made by your contributors are truly inspiring, and I trust the Optimist Club

ation to people in general, and those Washington in particular.

Very truly yours, Mrs. E. D. FRANK. 123 C street northeast.

I am glad to know, too, that many of the contributors to this page find their greatest foy in contributing without thought of winning one of the prizes. That is as it should be. The prizes are incidental, will come from the thought that all of you are trying to help others.

The first prize of \$5 this week is awarded to Mrs. Allie Sharpe Balch, of 1226 Euclid street, for the following contribu-

Providence is the divine and ever ruling cause of all things, a mysterious force; the harmony of the world, the Lord of life, the invisible creator of nature, the prop to which we cling, the union of God and the world. We hear it in the notes of joy, we feel it across the blackness of sorrow, we see it when we least expect it. It is the rock on which our souls must be anchored or wrecked. ming cup from which we drink love, joy, song, bloom, light, felicity, and the con fort of life. It is the unseen power of "The spirit of knowledge and wisdom." Providence, God: irradiating

I think not any of you fellow-optimists the mind of the glory of truth, soothing

The second prize, \$3, is awarded to M. Live each day earnestly, faithfully, hopefully, uncomplainingly, content that wise, all-embracing Providence. Trusting that a kindly Providence will

The third prize goes to G. O. Carr, the Alabama, for the following:
"If we could push ajar the gates of life, And stand within, and all God's work-

And, for each mystery, could find a

God's plans, like lilies pure and white We must not tear the close-shut leaves

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.

Where tired feet, with sandals loosed,

I think that we will say "God knew the

The other five prizes, of a dollar each,

are awarded to these contributions: "No man is orn into this world whose work is not born with him" (Lowell), and if we seed to do our work in our day And while I am on this subject I don't want to forget to remind you that the contest now going on has "Charity" for its subject, and it closes Wednesday.

Submitted by RARRY P. MIDNING. Providence will provide the means for 2028 Flagler place northwest.

March 3 It seems to me to be a fruitful topic. Already I have received an unusual The best thought of the optimist is perfect faith in the power and willingness of God to fulfill His promises.

E. ESTELLE MOORE.

Morning meaneth much to you If thou wakest with the thought That the tasks assigned to you Are with God's approval fraught,

God is near upon the ocean. God is near upon the land; He is all, both rest and motion, We are only grains of sand, mitde unon life's billow May flies buzzing out the hour,

Dreams upon a fevered pillow, Dewdrops on a withered flower, That has never come to man: Here we live in joy and sorrow, Chasing phantoms as we can; Chasing pleasure, chasing greatness, Over tangled walks and waves; But we learn the bitter lateness

Hope is nigh with fairly fingers. Magic memory ever lingers, Busy with the bygone day. Life and death are but the portals To a realm of endless rest; God is working through his mortals,

Just before we find our graves

All in some way shall be blessed. JOHN A. JOYCE. Look to the North, set like a gem Upon the bosom of her hills; Look to the South, whose blood-stained

The patriot's soul with fervor thrills.

Stand guarded by the Golden Gate. Av look again hevond the sees And catch the gleam in lands afar, Affoat where our possessions are.

Where'er that sacred emblem flies. Or North or South, or East or West,

Then for this goodly heritage Let hearts with loyalty imbued Unto a gracious Providence Lift songs of praise and gratitude.

EDITH VIRGINIA BRADT,

1334 Fairmont street. ed are awarded honorable mention. God has implanted in every human heart a divine spark. Do not smother it with gloomy forbodings; look upward and onward, never downward or backward; this

only weakens us for the fight to come

Dear Sir: Yesterday afternoon I re-ceived The Washington Heraid's check combat successfully the trials of this life, unaided by the Providence of a Creator, learn eventually they have undertaken an or expectation of reward, in a material ing faith place our reliance in Divine trust in Providence.

way, it is, nevertheless, pleasant to feel, as this indicates, that my small contribute the twin blessings of peace and content. science, and a proper allowance of suc-

MARSHALL JOHNSON.

LIVES IN TENT IN TEXAS.



MISS MARY HARRIMAN. ter of famous railroad magnate, who is

happiness in this life, and the wealth of eternal happiness in the life to come. Perfect confidence in Providence attests our belief in His Divinity, and as the rays of light scintillate from a pure dia mond, so Providence radiates the soul with hope and stimulates us to do our Christian duty to God and our fellowman; makes life successful and happy, and insures our salvation,

A fervent faith in God, and a steadfast hope in our fellow-man, will make the hardest trials seems light. MARION JOHNSON.

Believe, my friend, in Providence, Believe in God above,

And you will lead a GEORGE GODOY. And you will lead a happy life-1006 Sixteenth street northwest

Look you to the rising sun for succor from on high? Pray you at its setting for assistance

from the sky? surcease of sorrow

will be at work to-morrow But face life's flercest battle like a Godhelp along the good old world in

very best, Then leave your case with Providence and trust Him for the rest.

H. V. BISBEE

The sweetest thought that can cheer us on this journey to our Father's house, is I may assert eternal Providence that of the wise, kind Providence which And justify the ways of God to men."

MERCY ADKINS. othes the grass of the field and notes he sparrow's fall.

BENEDICTA HEENAN.

All's for the best, though oft we doubt The unsearchable dispose That Highest Wisdom brings about, And ever found best in the close.

8. C. SWETT.

the time of many years believes in Pro Department of Commerce and Labor.

exact calculator has no prescience that somewhat incalculable may not balk the very next moment. I am constrained every moment to acknowledge a higher Did Providence Care for Stephen?

that common heart, of which all sincere ed upon the adequacy of my answer. conversation is the worship, to which all answer was not mine." He said: sion, in parts, in particles. Meantime in the Eternal One. ALIDA E. HAMILTON.

Having done honest work, making the while such provision as is possible for ent upon us, let us in faith leave the rest to Providence, before whom a spar-

"There's a special Providence in the fall of a sparrow. If it be now, 'tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now, yet it will come; the readiness is all. Since no man has aught of what he leaves, what is 't to leave be

M. AGNES DUNN. Room 31, Home Life Building.

When traveling recently across the continent between Salt Lake and Los Angeles a broken trestle bridge was the cause of the terrible wrock of a freight train and occurring just before our "special" y interposed to save us. We cannot err in thinking that a Providence overrules possible task, whereas, if we with abid- all things, so let us always put our whole

Mrs. BELLE EDELIN.

Friends, let us take to patience and vater gruel, as the old folks used to tell is, rather than catch the miserables and give others the disease by wickedly finding fault with God, The best remedy for affliction is submitting to Providence. What cannot be cured must be endured. If we can't get bacon, let us bless God that there are still some cabbages in the garden. Must is a hard nut to crack, but it has a sweet kernel. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Miss ANNIE SMITH.

Providence, scientifically speaking, is the inevitable course of things, the in-vincible necessity which neither bows nor responds to any law save that of cause and effect. Indeed, since, I think, it must be allowed by all persons that there can be nothing in existence corresponding to a physical Providence, or, in other words, since there cannot physically exist anything corresponding to a Providence, it may be justly termed the law of the necessary course of things, to which all men, willing or not, must conform themselves The pessimist continually complains of what he is pleased to denominate Providence." when, as a matter of fact, the whole trouble lies in a dangerous disconnection between his heart and the heart of God. However grinding or exacting may appear the mills of Providence, all mankind may take courage and onsolation in the fact that it worketh ill toward no one-that is, it does nothing because of spite or fear or favor. There-fore, study and obey her mandates, have Texas with her father, where they are living an outdoor life on account of Mr. Harriman's health, respect for her laws, have an abiding

ENROLL YOUR NAME.

THE WASHINGTON HERALD Optimist Club button will be ready for delivery next week, and at that time a book containing the roll of membership will be opened. So be sure to write name and address plainly on coupon, which will appear next Sun-

This coupon will, when filled in and sent to this office, secure you the "Let's Help" emblem, and also entitle you to a place on the club membership roll.

The worm that gnaws the heart to-day faith-faith in self, in God, in the things of this world, and, like Dame Nature, who knows not nor cares not to whom she yields up her bountiful store, Providence will prove "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother," irrespective of race or color or sex or creed. ELIJAH NAPOLEON BUNN.

> What in me is dark. Illumine; what is low, raise and support. Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps."
>
> That to the height of this great argument
>
> M. JANE MOOR. That to the height of this great argument I may assert eternal Providence

God's providence is explained in the following verses, contained in the ninety-first Psalm, and is sufficient for me if ever doubt or fear assalls me:
"He that dwelleth in the secret places

of the most man shadow of the Almighty. Put your trust in Providence, but be sure and keep your powder dry. The busy man is the man who through all lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

of the most high shall abide under the

Providence-God's superintendence and care over all His creatures. "Hast thou Always our being is descended into us from we know not whence. The most dence; He leaves thee not."—Samaniego. exact calculator has no prescience that

origin for events than the will I call mine.

"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," (V. 60.) In Dr. Parker's autoblography he tells of a discussion he had with the When I watch that flowing river, which, secularist, Mr. G. J. Holyoake. "During out of the regions I see not, pours for a season its streams into me, I see that I am a pensioner, not a cause, but a surprised spectator of this ethereal water; that I desire and look up, and put myself in the attitude of reception, but from the many of the reception, but from the discussion I remember an instance and instance which for the moment utterly paralyzed my mental attitude. The question which are more remarked in the attitude of reception, but from the marked which for the moment utterly paralyzed my mental attitude. The question which are more remarked in the discussion I remember an instance which discord, harmony not understood; All partial evil. universal good; And spite of pride, in erring reason's light.

One truth is clear: Whatever is is right."

JAMES HUGH KEELEY. ome alien energy the visions come. death? How to answer the inquiry I did The Supreme Critic on all the errors of not for a moment know. As things are the past and the present, and the only commonly interpreted, it was perfectly prophet of that which must be, is that great nature in which we rest, as the in the protection of Stephen. How, then, into barns; yet your Heavenly Father firmly grounded in reason. There should to this day millions would die for Him. Parker prayed inwardly for than they? (St. Matthew which every man's particular being is help. "Everything as to the effectiveness contained and made one with all other; and usefulness of that discussion dependconversation is the worship, to which all right action is submission; that overright action is submission; that overpowering reality which confutes our tricks and talents and constrains every one to pass for what he is, and to speak one to pass for what he is, and to speak from his character and not from his character and not from his character and which evermore tends and tongue; and which evermore tends and the pod did more for that knowledge we at the said: "In the s and become wisdom, and virtue, and angels to protect him from the ruffianism power, and beauty. We live in successible which wrought his death. That," continues Parker, "was an answer which can man is the soul of the whole, the wise into my heart straight from the Holy flence, the universal beauty, to which Spirit. Never was reply more enthusias very part and particle is equally related- tically and more unanimously indorsed. The answer had an electrical effect upon the congregation, and in a large degree it settled the * * * debate." W. R. CLARK

Manchester, England.

Faith in God and belief in a Divine Providence are too closely allied to be row's fall is not without regard, and let separated. Possessing the former, the separated. Possessing the former, the latter, it would seem, must necessarily be ancient piety: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

VIRGINIA B. ADKINS.

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Mrs. W. A. BARRACK.

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WILLIAM H. REED

And is there care in heaven? and is there

In heavenly spirits to the creatures That may compassion of their evills move There is; else much more wretched were the case

embrace; / mercy or diessing. Thus, That blessed angels He sends to and fro fullest meaning of Providence.

ANNE WILSON. To serve to wicked man, to serve his

cleave
The flitting skyes, like flying Pursuivant, and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust."

Against fowle feendes to ayd us militant? They for us fight; they watch and dewly ward, And their bright squadrons round about He shall cover thee with His pinions

Oh, why should heavenly God to men have such regard? ANNE WILSON.

There is a blessed satisfaction in knowover us and careth for our daily needs, for we are told: "He watching over

It is remarkable that Providence has

given us all things for our advantage near at hand; but iron, gold, and silver, being both the instruments of blood and slaughter and the price of it, nature has

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Remember there is an Allwise Providence watching o'er us, who is Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone our God, our Brother, and our Friend; Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: who loves us with a love surpassing our understanding. If we do our part we need not fear, for He will provide re-freshment, happiness, and rest. MARY I. REED.

Providence is God. The sailor on the deep: The silent watches of the night God will keep.

'All nature is but art, unknown to thee; All chance, direction, which thou canst not see

KATHRYN E. PHELPS. Into every man's life, even into the life

Mrs. W. C. BISCOE. 806 Southern avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. Dear Ontimist: The little verse which I

to me it will bear repeating. Every cloud has a silver lining. And so I turn my clouds about. And always wear them wrong side out.

To show the lining. CLARA D. GILBERT.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they

more significant. When thoroughly imbued with the truth that a Divine Providence I started to think of something original on that line, but discovered that it appeared easier "said than done." So as the next best course I decided to look up the word in the dictionary, and what I found there struck me as being so in accord with The Optimist's creed that instead of sending in a source open to everybody, and surely worthy of all optimists' notice. This is it:

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We may look upon the restoration of "A manifestation of the care and super
"There's a special Providence in the fall of the primal chaos. Man's blind the rounder of the source of the contest of the fill of the contest."

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as an act of faith by the American people in the overruling Providence of God. Next Sunday the Subject for Contributions from the Club Members Will Be "Charity."

creatures; an act or event in which the ily toward justice. Right makes might. Of highest God that loves His creatures providence and care of God over His creatures are directly exhibited and seen; And all His works with mercy doth often used almost synonymously with mercy or blessing." This, I think, is the

How oft do they their silver bowres He that dwelleth in the secret place of

To come to succor us that succor want?

The most high Shall abide under the shadow of How oft do they with golden pinions cleave ... Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the flowler And from the noisesome pestilence And all for love, and nothing for re-

> His truth is a shield and a buckler Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night. Nor for the arrow that flieth by day, For the pestilence that walketh in

darkness. ing that a beneficent Providence watches Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, And ten thousand at thy right hand; But it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold.

And see the reward of the wicked. Thou hast made the most high thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee,

Neither shall any plague come night thy For He shall give His angels charge over To keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands,

The young lion and the serpent shait thou trample under feet. "Because he hath set his love upon me therefore will I deliver him, will set him on high, because he hath

He shall call upon me, and I will answer will be with him in trouble: will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him,

And show him my salvation.' E. B. DAVIS.

Divine Providence tempers His bless-ings to secure their better effect. He keeps our joys and our fears on an even LAURA V. ALLEN. Divine Providence tempers His bless keeps our joys and our fears on an even balance, that we may neither presume, nor despair. By such compositi s pleased to make both our crosses more tolerable and our enjoyments more wholesome and safe. Mrs. S. C. PLACE.

antagonism between the head and This proves to me heart. They are made to function togeth- divinity."

To early man this world was a chaos God can bear all these things with equa-wherein powers of light and darkness nimity. Trusting in God, we can safely were in eternal struggle for the mastery. leave both present and future with Him am quoting to-day you may have had be-fore, but I find it so helpful that it seems ishing" from the adversary, satan. His will was only partly realized. Hence the belief in special Providence. The educated man now begins to per-

ceive the deeper harmonies of this supposed chaos. What was all confusion begins to shape itself into a plan. He finds a disguised beneficence even in the evils that men complain of, and sees that they When I saw the notice about the con- he finds death is but another name for

This picture shows the battle

Of men than beasts. But oh! th' ex- intendence which God exercises over His struggle for power is driving him stead-

Into this central truth doth fate

Make every purpose gravitate, And work for good alone; Beyond our ken, beyond our will, Abides the Power that guideth still-Abides the Power that Unmeasured and unknown.

DAVID ECCLES.

The faith in a future life, and, thereore, in an existing Providence, that evidenced itself in the reply of the Greek condemned to death, when asked by his beloved Clemanthe if they should ever meet again, is either active or dormant in every human being. The doomed man re-plied that he had asked the same dreadful question of the hills that look nal; of the clear streams that flow for And under His wings shalt thou take ever; of the stars among those fields of azure his raised spirit had walked in glory; that all were dumb; but while he gazed upon her living countenance, and saw her love mantling through its beauty, he felt that all could not wholly per-ish., Then with a faith full-fruited came

the direct answer to her query: shall meet again, Clemanthe." And so it is with us. At times we have moments of doubts regarding a future existence, but when some great trial has come into our lives; when it may be a loved face has gone forever from our sight; we vainly wonder that in case a different medical treatment had been pursued if the absent one might not still be with us; then it is that un-belief files away on the wings of the wind, and something within us cries aloud: "Thou, and only thou, knowest."

GEORGE P. HERNDON. 1515 Vermont avenue northwes That foresight and care which God exrcises over His creatures has enabled me to be happy, as I believe God has created me to be, and to enjoy the blessings of life. By trusting in an all-wise Providence, my character is strengthened, higher things of life which I believe are in store for me. Shakespeare says: "There is a special Providence in the fall of a sparrow." Therefore, I gather in-spiration and will be master of circum-stances and surrounding and the spiration. stances and surroundings, and not their slave. I shall let my failures of to-day guide me on to victory on the morrow. For the morrow will bring new strength, new hopes, new opportunities, and new beginnings. I will be ready to meet it with a brave heart, a calm mind, and an

Napoteon Bonaparte at St. Helena, when asked his opinion of the Christian religion, replied: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself have founded empires, but upon what did these creations depend? Upon force. Jesus alone There should to this day millions would die for Him. The highest civilization, the er, and our highest pleasure is to find best manhood and womanhood are found where the Christian religion is. The high-That mind is, we know; and by the est success is not possible without sinvery constitution of that knowledge we cere belief in God and His Providence. pointment, but a heart that is fixed on

> "Somewhat of goodness, something true, From sun and spirit shining throu All faiths, all worlds, as through the dark

Of love and providential care EDNA BENNETT. 1814 Eighth street northwest.

Providence is the source and provider man's environment and existence; beond his conception in goodness, wisdom, ove, and power, and yet his constant mpanion and helper in all things necesary for present and future life. "There is a divinity that shapes our ends Rough-hew them how we will."

'And I will trust that he who heeds The life that hides in mead and wold Who hangs you alder's crimson beads, And stains those mosses green and gold, Will still, as he hath done, incline, His gracious care to me and mine."

The truly optimistic view of Providence is that suggested by reason. You may

call the immutable laws of nature Providence, if you choose, but the sooner you dissipate the idea that these laws will be suspended or altered for your special case, the sooner will you be on the road to true happiness. W. B. HENDERSON. God's providence is on the side of clear heads.-Beecher.

Behind a frowning providence He hides a shining face.—Cowper. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He lead-

th me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.-Psalm XXIII:2.3. There's a divinity that shapes our ends, ough-hew them how we will.
We, ignorant of ourselves, beg often our own harms, which the wise powers deny us for our good; so find we profit, by losing of our prayers.—Shakespeare. D. R. WALT WARD.

True to Her Lover.

From the Boston Herald. The byways, as well as the highways, of church life furnish much in the way of wit and humor. What, for instance, could be more mirth-provoking than the naive confession of the cook of a London vicar, who, being allowed to choose a hymn for the family prayers, was complimented on her choice by the vicar's

wife. "What a nice hymn you chose," said the latter to the cook. "Yes, mum; it's the number of my policeman.

The Stocking Darner,

The mother who greans over the destructiveness of her young son on the knees of his stockings, should adopt the plan of one ingenious mother who has learned how to make stockings last twice In buying she selects stockings as long

as they can be bought, and before wearing runs a flat tuck about the ankle just below the shoetop, where it will not rub in walking. When the knees of her son's stockings

become hopelessly darned, the tuck is ripped, and the worn part raised so that t slips under the short trousers, while a whole knee takes its place.

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